

(SRI H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.)

breached tanks must be restored. That is on the engineering side. But from the health side, they say, it cannot be done wholesale. There is a conflict of opinion between these two sides. Government are considering these opinions and wherever possible breached tanks are being restored partially, so that by a system of sluice, when there is scarcity of water, tanks will be filled up and water will be made available, and during the rainy season, water will be allowed to go, so that tanks may be kept dry. These are some experiments which are still carried on in the area.

Damage caused by Heavy Rains in Kolar District and Repairs undertaken with regard to Breached Tanks.

Q.—32. SRI H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of tanks breached in the recent heavy rains in Kolar District;

(b) of them, how many in Malur Taluk;

(c) the damage done to the tanks in the Kolar District;

(d) whether estimates are prepared for repair and restoration of all these breached tanks;

(e) the number of breached tanks already repaired;

(f) the time required for repair and restoration of all the breached tanks?

A.—SRI H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) 109.

(b) 22.

(c) The estimated cost of making good the damage is Rs. 2.42 lakhs.

(d) Estimates have been prepared in some cases and are under preparation in other cases.

(e) Works are in progress and have not been completed in any case.

(f) This depends on the nature of the repairs involved. About 75 per cent of the damaged tanks are expected to be put in order within six months and the rest within a year.

SRI H. C. LINGA REDDY.—With regard to the number of tanks that are breached, may I know the special reasons for so many tanks breaching in Kolar District?

*SRI H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Because they were old, I suppose.

SRI H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it true that sufficient precautionary measures were not taken to prevent breaches during the heavy rains?

SRI H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—So far as Government is concerned, it is not correct to say that.

SRI H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have been pleased to say that a sum of 2.42 lakhs has been estimated to be the cost of the damage. Is the estimated amount made available for the restoration of the tanks in that district?

SRI H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—As and when works are taken on hand, money will be made available. That is only an estimate.

SRI H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that, for want of funds, these works are not pushed through with sufficient speed?

SRI H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—None that I am aware of.

SRI H. C. LINGA REDDY.—The Minister has been pleased to say that in some cases estimates have been prepared and in some other cases they have not been prepared. May I know the reasons why estimates have not been prepared in all the cases, Sir?

SRI H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—There are two categories. One category may be urgent and estimates were prepared. There is another category in respect of which estimates are being prepared and they are under scrutiny and they will be submitted to Government for sanction early.

SRI H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it not necessary that some extra or special staff has to be provided with a view to expedite the restoration of the tanks before the monsoon commences?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I believe some extra staff has been sanctioned recently for Kolar District.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—What has happened to some tanks which have breached some decades ago?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—They are still there.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Then, what is the Government doing all these years about these tanks?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—They will be taken up for repair and restoration.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—What about some of these tanks which have breached some decades back?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Perhaps they are no longer useful and therefore they are not taken up.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is about the damage caused by recent heavy rains in Kolar District and repairs undertaken with regard to breached tanks. It does not cover tanks which were breached long long ago.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Sir, I would like to know whether it has come to the notice of Government that raiyats have been put to a lot of suffering since a long time and what they have done for redressing their difficulties.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would like to point out to the Hon'ble Member that that question does not arise here. The Hon'ble Member may put a separate question.

Number of Breached and Restored Tanks in Malavalli Taluk.

Q.—106. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of breached tanks in Malavalli Taluk ;

(b) of them, the number that have been restored during the last five years ;

(c) the number of such tanks under their consideration for restoration ; their names ;

(d) the names of those tanks for which estimates are ready ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) 17.

(b) Nil.

(c) Only one, i.e., Malavalli Tank.

(d) Estimate for only the Malavalli Tank is sanctioned.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know whether these 17 tanks were breached by the Government at heavy cost?

***Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.**—Yes, as an anti-malaria measure, they were breached by the Government.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know the approximate cost of breaching these tanks ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I want notice.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Out of these 17 tanks, Government have taken exception regarding only one tank leaving apart 16 tanks. What is the reason ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I have already answered it in connection with another question. The Health Department is averse to the restoration of these tanks. With regard to the Malavalli tank, there was insistent demand from the public and as an experimental measure, it is ordered to be restored. In the case of other tanks, Government will consider whether they could be taken up for restoration.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Is it the opinion of Government that there is no demand from the public for the restoration of other tanks ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It is not a question of demand. The demand is there. But, as I said, that is the opinion of the Health Department.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether this opinion of the Health Department was formed before the discovery of D.D.T. and other insecticides ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Even after the discovery of D.D.T. the health authorities have opined that these tanks should not be restored near about villages.